

**SPECIAL MEETING
EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AUTHORITY**

X **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

X **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Date: October 23, 2014
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Wayne County Community College (WCCCD)
1001 West Fort Street (Downtown Campus)
The Frank Hayden Community Room, #236
Detroit, Michigan 48226

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joyce Hayes Giles at 1:08 PM. Chairperson Hayes Giles reminded the Board and the public that this was a Joint Special Board Meeting of the EAA Directors and Executive Committee.

I. Roll Call

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked Tyrone Winfrey to call the roll of the Board of Directors.

Carol Goss*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Joyce Hayes-Giles, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael Morris*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
William Pickard*, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roy Roberts, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kim Schatzel, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Shirley Stancato, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mary Treder-Lang, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dr. Timothy Wood, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent

A quorum of the EAA Board of Directors was determined at 1:10 p.m. *Members Goss, Morris and Schatzel were present via the EAA Conference line. Chairperson Hayes Giles asked Tyrone Winfrey to call the roll of the Executive Committee Members.

Executive Committee Attendance:

Carol Goss*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Joyce Hayes-Giles, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael Morris*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
William Pickard, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roy Roberts, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent

A quorum of the EAA Executive Committee was determined at 1:13 p.m. *Members Goss and Morris were present via the EAA Conference line.

II. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Member Treder-Lang

Support: Member Stancato

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

III. Old Business

A. Resolution 2014-36: Approval of Minutes of the June 17, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Chairperson Hayes Giles discussed that the EAA Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee would be reviewing several EAA Board Meeting Minutes at today's meeting.

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked the EAA Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee Members if there was any discussion on Resolution 2014-36: Approval of Minutes of the June 17, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee. There was no discussion.

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2014-36: Approval of Minutes of the June 17, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Motion: Member Goss

Support: Member Treder-Lang

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

B. Resolution 2014-37: Approval of Minutes of the August 26, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked the EAA Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee Members if there was any discussion on Resolution 2014-37: Approval of Minutes of the August 26, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee. There was no discussion.

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2014-37: Approval of Minutes of the August 26, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Motion: Member Treder-Lang

Support: Member Morris

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

C. Resolution 2014-38: Approval of Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked the EAA Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee Members if there was any discussion on Resolution 2014-38: Approval of Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee. There was no discussion.

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2014-38: Approval of Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Motion: Member Stancato

Support: Member Treder-Lang

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

D. Resolution 2014-39: Approval of Minutes of the September 10, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked the EAA Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee Members if there was any discussion on Resolution 2014-39: Approval of Minutes of the September 10, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee. There was no discussion.

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2014-39: Approval of Minutes of the September 10, 2014 Board Meeting of the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Motion: Member Morris
Support: Member Treder-Lang
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

E. Resolution 2014-40: Approval of Minutes of the October 1, 2014 Special Meeting of the Executive Committee

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked the EAA Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee Members if there was any discussion on Resolution 2014-40: Approval of Minutes of the October 1, 2014 Special Meeting of the Executive Committee. There was no discussion.

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2014-40: Approval of Minutes of the October 1, 2014 Special Meeting of the Executive Committee.

Motion: Member Morris
Support: Member Goss
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

IV. Pre-Audit Communication to the Board of Directors

A. Discussion of Pre-Audit Communication to Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee from Plante Moran

Chairperson Hayes Giles introduced Harry Pianko to discuss the Pre-Audit Communication to the EAA Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee from Plante Moran. Mr. Pianko discussed the October 6, 2014 letter and reviewed Plante Moran's template.

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee if there were any questions for discussion. There were none. Chairperson Hayes Giles thanked Mr. Pianko for his overview of the Pre-Audit Communication to the EAA Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee from Plante Moran.

Chairperson Hayes Giles informed the EAA Board as well as the Public that they would now be going into a Closed Session to discuss written legal opinions with the Board Attorney. She also asked Tyrone Winfrey for a Roll Call of the EAA Board prior to going into Closed Session.

Carol Goss, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Joyce Hayes-Giles, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael Morris, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
William Pickard*, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roy Roberts, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kim Schatzel, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Shirley Stancato, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mary Treder-Lang*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dr. Timothy Wood, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent

A quorum of the EAA Board of Directors was determined at 1:18 p.m. * Members Goss, Morris and Schatzel were present via the EAA Conference line.

Chairperson Hayes Giles made a motion to move the EAA Board's discussion to a Closed Session.

Motion: Member Goss

Support: Member Treder-Lang

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

The EAA Board went into a Closed Session at 1:20 PM.

The EAA Board Meeting reconvened at 2:37 PM.

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked Tyrone Winfrey to call the roll of the Board of Directors.

Carol Goss*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Joyce Hayes-Giles, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael Morris*, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
William Pickard*, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roy Roberts, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kim Schatzel, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Shirley Stancato, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mary Treder-Lang, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dr. Timothy Wood, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent

As of 2:38 p.m., there was not a quorum of the EAA Board of Directors. *Member Goss was present via the EAA Conference line. Chairperson Hayes Giles asked Tyrone Winfrey to call the roll of the Executive Committee Members.

Executive Committee Attendance:

Carol Goss*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Joyce Hayes Giles, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael Morris*, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
William Pickard, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roy Roberts, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent

AT 2:40 p.m., there was not a quorum of the EAA Executive Committee.

Chairperson Hayes Giles informed the Joint Board of Directors and Executive Committee Members that given the fact there was no quorum of either the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, all Action Items had to be deferred to the next scheduled meeting on November 11, 2014, or until a special meeting was convened on another date; yet to be determined. .

V. Interim Chancellor's Updates

In light of there being no quorum of the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, the items outlined under the "New Business" heading on the agenda could not be acted upon. Therefore, Chairperson Hayes Giles indicated such, and subsequently introduced Veronica Conforme, Interim Chancellor so that she could provide updates on activities at the EAA. Chairperson Hayes Giles also reminded attendees that the Interim Chancellor's presentation would be available to the EAA Board as well as the Public via the EAA's website at www.michigan.gov/ea.

Veronica Conforme providing the following updates:

- Discussion of the outcome of ongoing EAA school tours
- The Interim Chancellor continues to receive feedback from teacher, administrator and parent forums that she hosts on a regular basis
- EAA administration projected student enrollment at 6166 for this school year. However, it now appears that the EAA's estimated enrollment will exceed that projection and will total approximately 6500 students.
- EAA Clergy Breakfast overview – Hosted at Brenda Scott Academy, Mary M. Bethune Elementary Middle and Phoenix Academy
- Partnering of Detroit Metropolitan Credit Union with Central High School. Financial classes will be available to students and students and their families will have the opportunity to learn more about fiscal management, in general, by opening checking and savings accounts
- 100 Black Men Project – discussed an event that was hosted by 100 Black Men and attended by the Interim Chancellor- parents and 40 EAA male students participated – very positive outcome
- Discussion of the Detroit Parent Network Summit
- Discussion of the DPS Foundation Champions of Education – Dr. William Pickard was honored at this event
- Overview provided of the 12th Precinct Community Meetings that were held at Mary M. Bethune Elementary Middle School as well as Mumford High School – both of which the Interim Chancellor attended
- Ms. Conforme also indicated that she would be sitting on a panel at the University of Michigan Education Policy Conference this evening

Chairperson Hayes Giles commended Veronica Conforme on her work thus far and asked the EAA Board if there were any questions.

Member Goss asked if there was anything that needed the Board's immediate attention that could not be approved today due to a lack of quorum. Member Goss also suggested that the Board consider convening a meeting before the next scheduled meeting on November 11th to address any outstanding or immediate issues that were not handled today.

Veronica Conforme stated that top priority would be the approval of the contracts included the Board packet for the meeting today.

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked the EAA Board if there were any additional questions. There were none.

Chairperson Hayes Giles thanked Ms. Conforme for providing an update.

VI. Public Comments

Chairperson Hayes Giles stated to the EAA Joint Board of Directors/Executive Committee that it was now time for Public Comments. She also stated to the public that there would be a 3 minute time limit.

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked Tyrone E. Winfrey, Sr. to announce the names of those who had submitted public comment cards. Mr. Winfrey announced the following:

Peggy Gordon – Parent Lead at Law Academy Discussed –

- EAA has truly helped her family
- Law is an awesome and wonderful place
- She is a mother of 10 children
- EAA has done a lot for her family
- EAA has improved reading skills for her family
- Thanked EAA for helping with the day-to-day progress of her family

Chairperson Hayes Giles thanked Ms. Gordon for a wonderful overview. Members Stancato and Treder Lang agreed as well.

Carolyn Hines-Taylor – Southeastern HS Parent Liaison

- She is a mother of 8 children
- Very involved with her children's school
- Thanked EAA for the Parent University, 100 Black Men, and Project Graduation programs at the school
- EAA is making success stories
- EAA's community resources are excellent
- Discussed exciting adventures/experiences that her children are having at their school
- Very excited about the newly created Credit Union – Great learning experience
- Encouraged the Board by indicating that all of their "stressing is a blessing"

Ms. Debra Bullock – Parent Liaison at Denby HS

- EAA is doing great things
- Discussed her son's trip to Barbados
- Wonderful working with people at EAA – described Ms. Conforme and the central office staff as "real people"
- Discussed previous struggles with her child and very excited to gain positive help from EAA
- Very excited about EAA's new Interim Chancellor
- Thanked EAA for doing a wonderful job

V. Adjournment

Chairperson Hayes Giles thanked all of the parents for their very positive comments and also thanked EAA administration for doing a wonderful job. Members Stancato and Treder-Lang agreed as well.

Chairperson Hayes Giles asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the EAA Board of Directors & Executive Committee.

Motion: Member Treder-Lang

Support: Member Stancato

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

The motion was carried

Chairperson Hayes Giles adjourned the meeting at 2:59 PM

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Secretary / Recording Secretary

Date

Approved by the Authority Board,

Secretary / Recording Secretary

Date